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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 1918

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PBOR, PINT, HO, NU  
SUBJ: SOMOZA VISIT TO HONDURAS

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

1. PRESIDENT SOMOZA ARRIVED TEGUCIGALPA IN PRIVATE PLANE APRIL 19 AND REMAINED FOUR HOURS BEFORE RETURNING TO NICARAGUA. NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT WAS MADE PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL. HE MET WITH CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR AT THE AIRPORT. A SHORT COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBED THE VISIT AS A COURTESY CALL IN RETURN FOR GENERAL MELGAR'S OCTOBER 1977 VISIT TO MONTELIBAR.

2. ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE, A VARIETY OF CENTRAL AMERICAN SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED. ONLY CONCRETE DECISION WAS AGREEMENT THAT PROPOSED CENTRAL AMERICAN SUMMIT MEETING SHOULD NOT BE HELD UNTIL JULY OR AUGUST, AFTER NEW GUATEMALAN AND COSTA RICAN PRESIDENTS HAVE TAKEN OFFICE.

3. INFORMATION MINISTER COL... O'CONNOR TOLD PRESS THAT SOMOZA  
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DID NOT SEEK GOH SUPPORT FOR REMAINING IN POWER AND THAT "NICARAGUAN PROBLEMS CAN ONLY BE SOLVED BY NICARAGUANS". HE DENIED THE TWO LEADERS TALKED OF EITHER ALLEGED FSLN OPERATIONS IN HONDURAS OR NICARAGUA'S REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OF GERMAN POMARES BECAUSE THEY HAD "MORE IMPORTANT ISSUES TO DISCUSS." END UNCLASSIFIED

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL

COMMENT: ACCORDING TO A SENIOR PALACE OFFICIAL, SOMOZA HAD BEEN PRESSING FOR THIS MEETING SINCE BEFORE HIS VISIT TO EL SALVADOR. HAD SOMOZA ENTERED TOWN HE WOULD HAVE SEEN SIX STUDENTS ON A SYMBOLIC HUNGER STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF NICARAGUAN POLITICAL PRISONERS. IN SPITE OF THE COMMUNIQUE AND COL. O'CONNOR'S STATEMENTS, NO DOUBT ALLEGED FSLN ACTIVITIES IN HONDURAS WERE DISCUSSED, A SUBJECT ON WHICH SOMOZA HOLDS STRONG VIEWS. END CONFIDENTIAL. BARTCH

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